

**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Safety  
Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services  
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services**

**Pamela Mitchell/Richard Connolly Memorial  
Emergency Medical Services Achievement Award**

- History:** The New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Memorial Achievement Award is named after Emergency Medical Technicians Pamela Mitchell and Richard Connolly, of Whitefield, who were accompanying a heart attack victim to the Littleton Hospital in August of 1978. The ambulance they were riding in lost control on a curve on Route 116 in Bethlehem, NH and all three occupants of the emergency vehicle patient compartment were killed. October of 1996 was the first year that this annual award was presented.
- Purpose:** The Award has been created to recognize an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to the Emergency Medical Services System of New Hampshire.
- Presentation:** The Award will be presented by a member of the EMS Medical & Trauma Coordination Board at an annual public Emergency Medical Services System function.
- Nominations:** Licensed EMS Units, New Hampshire Hospital EMS Coordinators and associated organizations shall be notified once per year that nominations for the award are being accepted by the Awards Committee. A deadline for nominations shall be determined by the Bureau of EMS and only nominations received by the deadline will be considered.
- Awards Committee:** The Awards Committee shall be made up of a minimum of two Bureau employees, a member of the EMS Medical Control Board and a member of the EMS Medical & Trauma Coordinating Board. These members shall review all nominations, decide on the recipient(s) and arrange for the annual presentation.
- Criteria for Nominees:** Nominations can be made for any individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to the Emergency Medical Services System of New Hampshire. The contribution should have significantly enhanced the EMS system in New Hampshire, assisted in promoting EMS statewide and/or created positive public awareness about the Emergency Medical Services Profession. Documentation should be limited to two typed pages and should accompany the nomination form.
- Recipients:**
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| 1996 | State Senator David Currier                    |
| 1997 | Dr. Joseph Sabato                              |
| 1998 | Asst. Fire Chief Raymond Thurston              |
| 1999 | Kenneth "Tinker" Kiesman                       |
| 2000 | Asst. Commissioner John Stephen & David Minnus |
| 2001 | North Country Health Consortium                |
| 2002 | William T. Graham                              |
| 2003 | Richard Cooper                                 |
| 2004 | Mike Pelchat & Diane Holmes                    |
| 2005 | Mary "Liz" Connor                              |
| 2006 | Washington Rescue Squad                        |